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Application Number 09/805,313

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Art Unit 3611

Examiner Name Brian Green

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

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a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

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iii. ☒ Other _____

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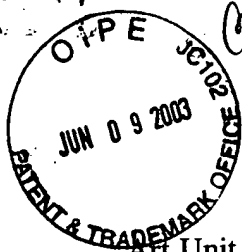
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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Filed herewith is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please enter and consider the following amendment and response.

The Office Action mailed March 4, 2003 has been received and carefully reviewed. In response, the following remarks are submitted and reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 6, 14 and 18 as follows.

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1. ~~[Amended] An identification system for identifying and distinguishing individual~~
cleaning articles for cleaning a surface selected from a group consisting essentially of dishes,
glassware, cooking pots and pans, kitchen counters, kitchen cabinets, kitchen sinks, dining
tables and other surfaces that are used during the food preparation process, toilets, tubs, sinks,
floors, walls, autos, boats, windows and furniture, each of said cleaning articles selected from
the group consisting essentially of sponges, wipes, towels, rags, cloths, blotters and metallic